

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

April 9, 2014

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson (absent)
Phyllis Hansell
Mark Peltan
Guy Richardson
Roberta Yoder
Kim Spading

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry (absent)
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sandy Knudsen
Jen Harbison
Julie Jetter

Nancy Freudenberg
Jennifer Vermeer
Theresa Armstrong
Jan Heikes

GUESTS

Cheryl Harding, Delta Dental
Karla Fultz McHenry, Delta Dental
Sara Allen, Iowa Hospital Association
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Peltan, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover Building.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present with the exception of Anderson. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

ADOPTION OF RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

1. Amendments to Chapter 75 "Conditions of Eligibility," Medicaid. Implements changes to the HIPP statute and eliminates a number of obsolete references.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Richardson. MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH HANSEL VOTING NO.

Council concurred with Hansel that they write a letter to the Iowa Congressional Delegation to note the Council's concerns regarding the fact that active Medicaid-eligible members will no longer be sanctioned for not cooperating with the HIPP program. The Council was in accord that this change is unnecessary and places an additional administrative burden on the Department of Human Services. Previously, Iowa had 100% cooperation from participants and found that sanctions for non-cooperation were appropriate.

2. Amendments to Chapter 77, "Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," and Chapter 83, "Medical Waiver Services," Medicaid. Implements changes for care providers and members relating to services for the Brain Injury Waiver.

A motion was made by Spading to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Amendments to Chapter 169, "Funding for Empowerment Areas," Child Care. Rescinds funding for Empowerment Areas as the result of legislative changes to the Early Childhood Iowa Program.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Amendments to Chapter 170, "Child Care Services," Child Care Assistance. Implements Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) changes based on newly released federal poverty levels.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Richardson. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 7, "Appeals and Hearings," Chapter 40, "Application for Aid (FIP)," and Chapter 41, "Granting Assistance (FIP)," Implements amendments for a new ineligibility period due to accessing FIP benefits with an electronic access card at a prohibited location when certain criteria are met.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Increases premiums for applicants and recipients under the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) program with income over 150% of the FPL.

N-3 Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Increases average costs for PMICs, MHIs, and Nursing Facilities.

N-4 Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Updates maximum Medicaid rate for Intermediate Care Facilities for Intellectually Disabled Persons which is used to determine disposition of the income due to a MAIT.

N-5 Amendments to Chapter 79, "Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care." Removes the specific dollar amount and effective date of the pharmacy professional dispensing fee while indicating that the fee shall be set by a fee schedule determined through surveys of dispensing costs.

A motion was made by Richardson to accept the Report of Noticed Action and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jen Harbison, Policy Advisor, reported on the following:

- DHS has been reviewing the Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations Bill that was introduced last week by the House. In addition to DHS, other departments included in the HHS appropriations bill are Public Health, Aging and the Veteran's Home. Changes in the Medicaid match consumes most of the new spending in this budget. Also, language for new funding increasing rates for group home care, and allocations to address HCBS waiting lists are being reviewed.
- DHS staff will also review the Infra-Structure Appropriations Bill (which will originate in the Senate this year).
- It's possible the DHS proposed Child Support policy bill will be included the Standings Bill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 12, 2014 minutes was deferred to the May meeting.

MHDS REGIONALIZATION

Julie Jettters and Jan Heikes, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS), reviewed a handout entitled "Update on Mental Health & Disability Services Regions." Areas of discussion centered on:

- Regional administrative structure
- Statewide standards
- Individuals served
- Regional governance 28E agreements
- Regional service system management plans
- Annual service & budget plans
- Core services
- Core "Plus" services

Core services are outlined in Iowa Administrative Code 441.25, Division 1. Core Services include treatment services, basic crisis response provisions, support for community living, support for employment, recovery services and service coordination.

Jettters and Heikes also handed out a map of "Approved MHDS Regions." There are 14 regions plus one county (Polk) that is exempt. Regions vary in size from 2 to 22 counties and the population ranges from 30,381 to 567,443.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATE

Roberta Yoder noted that the Des Moines Register's Sunday newspaper carried a featured article regarding Iowa's Residential Care Facilities.

Mark Peltan suggested that the topic of persons with co-occurring disabilities being served at resource centers versus mental health institutions be a future Council agenda item.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer gave the following report:

- The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Alexa Heffernan of Cedar Falls, to the Council.
- Special education compliance reviews were conducted at the Eldora, Cherokee and Independence facilities by the Department of Education. The final report has not yet been received.

- The House Oversight Committee is investigating certain State agencies in regard to possible mis-use of confidentiality agreements with former employees, specifically paying employees to sign non-disclosure agreements.
- A map showing the overall Iowa Health and Wellness Program (IHWP) and the Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan enrollment numbers by county was distributed.
- The emphasis of recent legislation, regarding the closed Juvenile Home at Toledo, focuses on addressing the need for a secure setting for delinquent girls. Currently in the State of Iowa there are no secure beds for delinquent girls. Over the last several years, Iowa has averaged between 8 and 12 delinquent girls at Toledo – indicating the demand for secure beds for delinquent girls has not been very high.

DENTAL WELLNESS PLAN

Jennifer Vermeer, Medicaid Director, and Cheryl Harding, Delta Dental, reviewed the “Dental Wellness Plan.” The Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHWP), as passed by the Iowa Legislature in May 2013, calls for comprehensive dental benefits, equivalent to the Medicaid benefit. The Dental Wellness Plan will offer dental benefits to IHWP members beginning, May 1, 2014. The annual benefit maximum is \$3,500.

The program goals are to:

- Ensure adequate access to high quality dental services
- Manage population health by improving oral health of members
- Utilize an approach that ensures accountability for a range of outcome measures
- Ensure there are incentives for members to engage in preventative services and compliance with treatment plans
- Demonstrate an innovative, high quality and sustainable adult dental program

Core Benefits include:

- Diagnostic, preventive services
- Emergency services to relieve pain
- Stabilization services

The Dental Wellness Program is administered by Delta Dental under contract until 2017.

NEXT MEETING

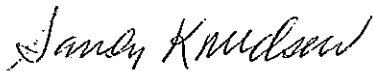
The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hansell to adjourn and seconded by Richardson.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by,


Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

sk